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SUBJ: UN SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPEECH, APRIL 4, 1975

1. UN SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM M
DE COURTESY, MORALE-
BUILDING SPEECH TO FAO STAFF ON SECOND AND FINAL MORNING OF
ACC MEETING IN ROME.
2. HE SAID FAO IS PLAYING VITAL ROLE IN THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE
OF WORLD FOOD PROBLEM, IS HELPING PROVIDE FOOD FOR MILLIONS,
AND IS CREDIT TO UN SYSTEM AS WHOLE. HE PAID TRIBUTE PERSONALLY
TO DR. ADDEKE H. BOERMA, WHO IS RETIRING LATE THIS YEAR
AFTER EIGHT YEARS AS DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO AND 25 YEARS IN
FAO, AND TO DR. FRANCISCO AQUINO, WHO HAS BEEN HEAD OF WORLD
FOOD PROGRAM SINCE 1967. HE COMMENDED FAO FOR ITS WORK ON
THE SAHEL, ITS RESPONSE TO ECOSOC'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON FERTILIZER
PROBLEM, ITS INVALUABLE HELP ON WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, AND ITS
INITIATIVES ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY. WITH REGARD TO WORLD FOOD
PROGRAM, HE COMMENTED THAT FOOD AID WILL BE EVEN MORE IMPORTANT
IN YEARS AHEAD THAN IN PAST.

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3. IN CLOSING PERSONAL REMARKS, HE COMMENTED ON GENERAL PROBLEMS

OF UN ACTIVITY. HE NOTED THAT MANY LOOK TO BILATERAL AND REGIONAL ACTIONS RATHER THAN TO UNITED NATIONS, AND HE RECOGNIZED CERTAIN SHORTCOMINGS OF UN ACTION. UN OVERLAST 30 YEARS, HOWEVER,

HAS MADE MANY ACHIEVEMENTS THAT COULD NOT OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN OBTAINED. WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE, AND LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE REQUIRE GLOBAL APPROACH. WORLD INTEREST IS NOW FOCUSING ON ECONOMIC-SOCIAL PROBLEMS, WHICH MUST BE DEALT WITH ON GLOBAL BASIS. TODAY EVEN AFFLUENT COUNTRIES ARE NOT FARING WELL, E.G. INFLATION AND DEVALUATION. PRIME OBJECTIVE IS TO CREATE DIGNIFIED LIVING CONDITIONS FOR EVERYONE, AND TO CLOSE GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR COUNTRIES. THIS WAS PURPOSE OF SPECIAL SESSION OF UNGA LAST APRIL AND WILL BE PURPOSE OF SPECIAL SESSION IN SEPTEMBER.BEAUDRY

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